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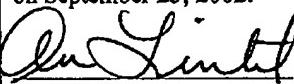
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 21, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 – 16 and add the following claims:

17 (New). A healthcare information system, comprising:
 a plurality of provider office systems, each provider office system comprising
 01 circuitry for generating referral requests;
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~~b1~~ referral authorization circuitry for:
 receiving said referral requests,